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FOR INTERIOR PASS USGS CARTER AND BUREAU OF MINES

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SUBJ: LITHIUM AT SALAR DE UYUNI

REF: A. LA PAZ 5070, B. STATE 152773, C. LA PAZ 5060

1. PRESS OF JULY 10 HEADLINES DISCOVERY OF LITHIUM IN SALAR DE UYUNI. DISCOVERY CREDITED TO US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. THE DISCLOSURE WAS MADE FOLLOWING A REPORT BY MINISTER OF MINES ZELAYA TO PRESIDENT AND REGULAR MEETING OF CABINET. PRESS WAS PROMISED MORE INFORMATION IN A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE MINISTRY OF MINES LATER THIS WEEK. PRESS ARTICLE SAID THAT GEOBOL AND INSTITUTO MINERO-METALURGICO WILL CONTINUE WITH RESEARCH OF THIS NEW DISCOVERY.

2. FOOTE MINERAL -- IHOR KUNASZ PLANS TO STOP IN LA PAZ JULY 13 ENTRROUTE TO CHILE. HE WILL DISCUSS LITHIUM DISCOVERY WITH MINATT AND MEMBERS OF GEOBOL.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM GEOBOL CARLOS BROCKMAN THAT USGS DR CARTER AGREED IN PRINCIPLE IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECENTLY THAT TWO USGS EXPERTS WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT BOLIVIA IN SEPTEMBER REGARDING SUBJECT DISCOVERY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION AND DETAILS SUCH AS THOSE REQUESTED IN REFTTEL A, PARA TWO.

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EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE USGS OPINION REGARDING USEFULNESS

OF FURTHER SAMPLES BEING SENT FOR ANALYSIS AS SUGGESTED IN
REFTEL C, PARA TWO.
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